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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 2/2/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35, 54 and 56-71.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/Irakli Kiknadze/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2882

DETAILED ACTION

1. In response to the Office action mailed on October 1, 2008 the Amendment has been received on February 2, 2009.

Claims 36-53, 55 and 72-75 have been canceled.

Claims 1-35, 54 and 56-71 are currently pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-35, 54 and 56-71 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a method of imaging a selected tissue region of a patient's body, comprising the steps of: estimating first and second parts of a scattered portion, wherein the first part corresponds with photonic energy passing through the selected tissue region with a single scattering occurrence, and wherein the second part corresponds with photonic energy passing through the selected tissue region with multiple scattering occurrences; obtaining radiographic image data in relation to the detected radiation from the selected tissue region; and, utilizing the estimated first and second parts of the scattered portion to adjust the radiographic image data as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claim 7 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious an apparatus for use in imaging a selected tissue region of a patient's body, comprising: a processor operative for: estimating first and second parts of a scattered portion, wherein the first part corresponds with photonic energy passing through the selected tissue region with a single scattering occurrence, and wherein the second part corresponds with photonic energy passing through the selected tissue region with multiple scattering occurrences; obtaining radiographic image data in relation to the detected radiation from the selected tissue region; and, utilizing the estimated first and second parts of the scattered portion to adjust the radiographic image data as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claim 24 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a method of imaging a selected tissue region of a patient's body, comprising the steps of: positioning a patient in a desired position for a radiographic procedure; with the patient positioned in the desired position, operating a parameter measurement device to measure a procedure specific value of a scatter related parameter and provide an output indicative thereof; obtaining radiographic image data in relation to the detected radiation from the selected tissue region; and operating a processor to receive the output and use the image-specific value of the scatter related parameter to adjust the radiographic image data as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claim 26 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious an apparatus for use in imaging a selected tissue region of a patient's body, comprising: a sensor for measuring a procedure specific value of a scatter related parameter with the

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patient positioned in the desired imaging position and providing a sensor output indicative thereof; and a processor for receiving the first imaging information and the sensor output, and providing second imaging information based thereon as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claim 34 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a method for use in imaging a selected tissue region of a patient's body, comprising the steps of: first operating a detector to detect portions of the photonic energy that have interacted with the area of interest of the patient's body and provide a detector output indicative thereof, wherein the detector output reflects imaging information for different portions of the area of interest obtained at corresponding different times of the exposure period; establishing scatter compensation information for the radiographic procedure; and second operating a processor to process the detector output, using the scatter compensation information to provide reduced scatter composite imaging information of the area of interest of the patient's body as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claim 35 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious an apparatus for use in imaging a selected tissue region of a patient's body, comprising: a processor for accessing scatter compensation information for the radiographic procedure and processing a detector output using the scatter compensation information to provide reduced scatter composite imaging information of the area of interest of the patient's body as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claim 54 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a method for use in imaging an area of interest within a patient's body, comprising the steps of:

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establishing a mathematical model for modeling a magnitude of expected scatter detection as a function of a distance between tissue being imaged and a detector surface; and using the mathematical model to set a distance between a tissue support structure and a detector of a medical imaging device as claimed.

Claim 56 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a method for use in imaging an area of interest of a patient's body, comprising the steps of: detecting portions of the photonic imaging signal from the area of interest of the patient's body and providing imaging information based thereon; and operating a processor to process the imaging information using the first and second imaging parameter values as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claim 65 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious an apparatus for use in imaging an area of interest of a patient's body, comprising: a sensor system for measuring, with the patient in an imaging position for the radiographic procedure, at least a first imaging parameter value and a second imaging parameter value and providing an imaging parameter output indicative thereof; a detector for detecting portions of the photonic imaging signal from the area of interest of the patient's body and providing imaging information based thereon; and a processor for using the imaging parameter output to process the imaging information as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim.

Claims 2-6, 8-23, 25, 27-33, 57-64 and 66-71 are allowed by virtue of their dependence.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see page 9, filed February 2, 2009, with respect to claims 1-75 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IRAKLI KIKNADZE whose telephone number is (571)272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/I. K./ March 14, 2009